

One of Life's Little Tragedies.
He seized her, drew her to him, and deliberately struck her. She made no sound. Again, and yet again, the brute repeated the blow, and still she gave no sign of suffering. But when, with rapidly growing anger, he struck her for the fourth time, she shrieked aloud—and her head flew off. She was only a match.—The Bohemian.

A Hopeless Case.
"A great big, able-bodied man like you ought to be ashamed to ask a stranger for money," said the well-to-do citizen. "I know I ought," answered Meandering Mike. "But, mister, I'm jes' naturally too kind-hearted to tap 'em on de head and take it away from 'em."—Sketch.

Human Clods.
It may seem a brutal view to take, but in this twentieth century the man who does not so strengthen his brain and train his hand as to rise above the dead level of the unskilled mass will remain a clod, and until the day of his death will be trodden upon.—Philadelphia North American.

Serious Complication.
"I've just been to see the Garlicks," said Mrs. Lapsling, laying aside her wraps. "They're all well except Mr. Garlick. He's got an awfully bad knee. As near as I can make out from what the doctor says the poor man is threatened with diagnosis of the bone."

Adamless Edens.
The time is long past when the fact of women adopting horticulture as a profession is at all likely to create surprise. Other callings for women may be more remunerative, but there is none more wholesome and healthy for mind and body.—Country Life.

A Good Will.
From my spirit to yours I bequeath the hard-won knowledge that you must be true from the beginning. But if by any chance you have not been so, then you must be true from the moment that you know.—Zona Gale, "The Loves of Pelleas and Ettarre."

More Trouble.
"My husband had an awful time collecting that debt," Mrs. Lapsling was saying. "I don't pretend to understand law firms, but I heard him say that before he could get the money he had to Barney Shea the man's wages."

No Age Limit for Brains.
We are slowly beginning to realize that age has but little to do with activity and intellectual power. Nowadays every real talent and ability is respected whether the man is very young or very old.—Naples Mattino.

Size of Whales.
The average sperm whale is about 59 feet long, weighs 140,000 pounds and will yield 60,000 pounds of blubber (from which 48,000 pounds of train oil can be made) and 3,000 pounds of whalebone.

Love at First Sight.
Love (to his beloved)—"Do not, I beseech you, refuse my hand. My life is insured for 200,000 marks, and if you accept me I am sure I shall not survive very long."—Simplicissimus.

And Other Places.
If every manufacturer were compelled to live within the shadow of his own mill chimney, Manchester would be a much better place than it is.—Lloyd's Weekly.

Deeply Affecting.
"And when," said Mrs. Nuvoreesh, "those French pheasants came by singing the Mayonnaise, it was too deeply touching for words."—Success Magazine.

Tall English Women.
One might suppose that, however much the daughters of the gods might be admired, our modern women left us no cause to desire anything more of them in the way of height. Already they are stretched out to a length which has created the fear that Englishmen will soon be "no-where" beside their elongated sisters.—London Lady's Pictorial.

A Subject for Osterizing.
"Yes, indeed," said Miss Oldgirl, in reciting the story of the family's terrible experience with burglars, "the wretches came to my room first and what do you think? They chloroformed me in my sleep." "I guess," remarked the unfeeling listener, "they thought you looked the part."

The Elusive Thought.
A little girl who was trying to tell a friend how absent-minded her grandfather was, said: "He walks around thinking about nothing, and when he remembers it he then forgets that what he thought of was something entirely different from what he wanted to remember."

Valuable Old 'Cello.
An old 'cello, which the owner at Mount Noorah, Victoria, sent to be repaired, was found to bear the label of Nicolo Amati and the date 1624. There was also found a record of the instrument having been repaired by Louis Dandeh of Versailles in 1781 for Louis XVI.

The Mistakes of Nature.
What good are these little red pieces of meat that hang down on each side of a turkey's bill? They aren't pretty, they aren't useful, and they get dirty when he's eating and all mused up if he fights. Nature's awfully foolish, sometimes.

Beauty of Sunset Peak.
Sunset peak goes up like a dome 6,000 feet and when the sun sets clear and has entirely disappeared behind the mountains its reflected light rests on this topmost peak and transforms it into a minaret of gold—a heavenly light, indeed.

Improving the Mind.
The best way to acquire elegant English is to study the poets and best essayists and to memorize idiomatic and graceful phrases. We may store the mind with beautiful thoughts as we store our houses with lovely pictures.

India Schoolboy Patriots.
The boys of the Kishoregamz school football team recently refused to play for a cup on the ground that it was of foreign manufacture. As a result 12 of the head scholars are expelled.—Calcutta Statesman.

Of Little Faith.
Many men do not allow their principles to take root, but pull them up every now and then, as children do flowers they have planted, to see if they are growing.—Longfellow.

Discipline Must Be Maintained.
Secretary—"Sir, Willie Doubtentry has been caught kissing the stenographer." Head of the Firm—"Well, dock him 50 cents for disrespect to the junior partner."

Nature's Bounty.
Every part of the tropical world has trees and shrubs which supply man with food and fuel and clothing with no more effort than is required to help himself.

Discouraging.
It is a little discouraging, says the Boston Globe, to find a lump of solder in the "fresh green peas" that you have ordered at the restaurant.

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